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- 1. FONMIN SCHACHT SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE "MOST PERTURBED" IF AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN SHOULD APPEAR IN CARACAS COINCIDENTAL WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TOWARD THE END OF FEBRUARY. HIS CONCERN WAS UNDOUBTEDLY UNDERSCORED BY A SUCCESSFUL JAILBREAK OF A SCORE OF VENEZUELA'S MOST DANGEROUS COMMUNIST TERRORISTS, AS INDICATED REFTEL TODAY.
- 2. AFTER DICTATING PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, I RECEIVED A DELEGATION FROM U.S. CHAMBEROF COMMERCE EXECUTIVES TO REPORT ON THEIR MEETING LAST SATURDAY MORNING WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. THEY SAID PRESIDENT HAD DWELT AT GREAT LENGTH ON FORTHCOMING ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN. FURTHERMORE, DESPITE PRESS REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY, HE, PRESIDENT PEREZ, WAS AWARE THAT PROFESSIONAL AMBASSADORS OPERATE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS OF GOVERNMENTS AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT SHLAUDEMAN WOULD MEET THE HIGH STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY HIS OWN GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, ON THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL REPRECUSSIONS IN VENEZUELA, PEREZ SAID THAT THE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THERE ARE EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY LAID ON BY THE MIR TO ORGANIZE STUDENT OUTBURSTS UPON SHLAUDEMAN'S ARRIVAL IN VENEZUELA. PRESIDENT "WONDERED OUT LOUD" IF SHLAUDEMAN COULD DEFER HIS ARRIVAL FOR A CONFIDENTIAL

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